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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO GUINEA-BISSAU REPS

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1. DEPT CONCURS COMPLETELY WITH LINE TAKEN BY EMBASSY AND USUN IN RESPONSE TO PORTUGUESE APPROACHES ON ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO GUINEA-BISSAU PARTICIPANTS IN LOS CONFERENCE.

2. IN CONFIRMING WITH GOP YOUR PREVIOUS EXPLANATION OUR POSITION YOU MIGHT WISH TO CITE APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT. ARTICLE IV, SECT 11 STATES USG "SHALL NOT IMPOSE ANY IMPEDIMENTS TO TRANSIT TO OR FROM THE HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF PERSONS INVITED TO THE HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT BY THE UNITED NATIONS OR BY SUCH SPECIALIZED AGENCY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS." SECTION 12 FURTHER NOTES

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"THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 11 SHALL BE APPLICABLE

IRRESPECTIVE OF THE RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE PERSONS REFERRED TO IN THAT SECTION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES." IN SECT 13 IT IS AGREED "LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE ENTRY OF ALIENS SHALL NOT BE APPLIED IN SUCH MANNER AS TO INTERFERE WITH THE PRIVILEGES REFERRED TO IN SECTION 11. WHEN VISAS ARE REQUIRED FOR PERSONS REFERRED TO IN THAT SECTION, THEY SHALL BE GRANTED WITHOUT CHARGE AND AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE."

3. PORTUGUESE EMBASSY HERE MADE SIMILAR APPROACH TO DEPTOFF. EMBASSY'S MAIN CONCERN, HOWEVER, SEEMED TO BE WHETHER US WOULD PLACE VISA IN GUINEA-BISSAU PASSPORT.

4. DEPT WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU TRAVEL DOCUMENT AS PASSPORT WITHIN MEANING OF SECTION 101 (A) (30). IN CASE WHERE US DOES NOT RECOGNIZE VISA APPLICANT'S TRAVEL DOCUMENT, DEPT AND INS MAY AUTHORIZE PASSPORT WAIVER AND PERMIT ISSUANCE OF VISA ON FORM FS-540. IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES US ISSUES VISAS IN THIS WAY TO BEARERS OF RHODESIAN PASSPORTS. IF GUINEA-BISSAU REPRESENTATIVES CARRY PASSPORTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES VISAS COULD BE ISSUED IN THESE OR ON FORM FS-540.

5. FYI. GIL FERNANDEZ HAS BEEN IN US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS INCLUDING 1970 TRIP WHEN HE TESTIFIED WITH AMILCAR CABRAL BEFORE DIGGS SUBCOMMITTEE. HE STUDIED FROM 1962 TO 1968 AT UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND IS REGULAR CONTACT OF EMBASSY CONAKRY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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